

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health			Attending: Council Members: Jessica Barrickman (Chair), Ana Winton (Second Vice Chair), Kimberlee Coronado (Vice Chair), Sheryl Smith, Mark Eisner, Pam Lano, Tim Peerenboom, Chrissy Barnard, Jessica Boling, Brian Michel, Svea Erlandson, Nic Dibble, Dennis Hanson, Karen Odegaard, Dawn Shelton-Williams Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff: Monique Hicks, Sarah Coyle, Jamie McCarville, Joannette Robertson, Alexa Nobis, Holly Audley, Langeston Hughes, Sarah Boulton, Gynger Steele Guests: Brendan McIntyre, Ricky Ferrari Traner, Rick Immler, Laleña Lampe, Jen Farmbrough
Date: 1/18/2023	Time Started: 10:00AM	Time Ended: 2:50PM	
Location: Zoom			Presiding Officer: Jessica Barrickman

Minutes

1. **Call Meeting to Order**.....Jessica Barrickman
 - a. Welcome and introductions
 - b. J. Barrickman read WCMH guidelines for conduct of meeting
 - c. C. Barnard moved to approve the minutes of November 16, 2022, A. Winton seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
 - d. Announcements: Opportunity for Council members to make general announcements
 - i) C. Barnard- NAMI Wi received funding to start a peer run respite in Superior. K. Coronado shared a related article. <https://wislawjournal.com/2023/01/13/youre-treated-like-a-criminal-wisconsin-eyes-fixes-for-emergency-mental-health-system/>
 - ii) B. Michel- Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Conference is 4/13 and 4/14. Accepting calls for proposals until 1/27. <https://www.preventsuicidewi.org/conference>
 - iii) S. Smith- NAMI Wisconsin Conference is 4/28-29 at Osthoff Resort <https://namiwisconsin.org/annual-conference-registration-open/> ; NAMI National Convention is 5/24-5/27 and they are accepting presenter proposals. https://nami.org/Get-Involved/Attend-the-NAMI-National-Convention?gclid=CjwKCAiAzp6eBhByEiwA_gGq5BBmbm_DMJ3GtnTW8Vd5bEdOOofpa8pkw_LXy6fmQTozm_Y-IKCaPnVRoC3NkQAvD_BwE
 - iv) K. Coronado – Office of Children’s Mental Health Annual Report on Social Connectedness of Youth recently came out. Wisconsin Eye recording of the announcement: <https://www.channel3000.com/youre-treated-like-a-criminal-wisconsin-eyes-fixes-for-emergency-mental-health-system/>
 - e. Public Comment: No public comment.

2. **Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Strategic Planning**..... Jessica Barrickman

J. Barrickman gave a recap of the strategic planning process. The council developed two goals with related objectives. Committees have been tasked with developing action steps for objectives related to their committee work. Committees should send their document to Monique Hicks by March 1. The council will review at the March 15 meeting.

3. **Updates from the Department of Health Services**
 - a. Updates from the Secretary’s Office.....Karen Odegaard
 - i) DHS Leadership/Staffing

- (1) We will welcome Sarah Valencia to the Department of Health Services (DHS) as our new assistant deputy secretary on Monday. Sarah has over 17 years of professional experience working in health care administration, social work, non-profits, higher education, and local government. Sarah holds a master's degree in social work from UW-Madison and is an adjunct instructor teaching in the Master of Social Work program at UW-Madison. She is a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and currently serves in an elected position as village trustee in Cottage Grove, WI. Before joining DHS, Sarah served as the director of population health at UnityPoint Health Meriter and vice president of the UW Health Accountable Care Organization.
 - (2) We also welcomed Jamie Kuhn to DHS as the new Medicaid Director. With many years of her career in public service, Jamie most recently served as director of external affairs for the Governor's Office. She worked in the State Assembly and State Senate as chief of staff to former State Senator Mark Miller, with experience on health care, children and families, and conservation issues. She also served as the director of intergovernmental affairs for Milwaukee County, worked for Planned Parenthood, and served as the chair of the health committee for Dane County. Jamie holds a master's degree in social work from UW-Madison.
 - (3) And finally, I want to share that Gynger Steele has stepped into a new role as the Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) administrator. Gynger joined DHS and DCTS as assistant administrator in 2019 and, since then, has been pivotal in our efforts to ensure our residents receive the highest quality of care in all seven of our facilities through a collaborative approach to leadership with Holly Audley. Gynger has brought new strategic directions, energy, and focus to DCTS in ways that have advanced the DHS mission and vision through her depth of experience and knowledge.
- ii) Budget Gov. Tony Evers has been holding listening sessions around the state to hear directly from Wisconsinites on the issues that matter to them as he prepares his 2023-25 executive budget. There will be a listening session tonight in Eau Claire at 5:30 p.m. at the W.R. Davies Student Center. This listening session will provide the governor and his Administration with an opportunity to hear directly from Wisconsinites to inform them on the priorities you would like to see in the 2023-2025 biennial budget. Gov. Evers will deliver his 2023-25 Biennial Budget Message on Wednesday, Feb. 15.
 - (1) Register for 1/18/23 listening session or download the background document for the listening sessions here: <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/BudgetListeningSessions.aspx>
 - (2) Wisconsinites are also welcome to submit written comments on any topic at any time before or after the listening sessions <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/governor/voice-an-opinion>
 - iii) Office of Children's Mental Health Briefing on 2022 Annual Report The [Office of Children's Mental Health](#) briefed legislators and the public on the status of children's mental health in Wisconsin. Their briefing shared detail on concerning trends and what we can do to improve children's well-being. You can watch the briefing here: <https://wiseye.org/2023/01/13/office-of-childrens-mental-health-briefing-on-2022-annual-report/> Find OCMH's annual report here: <https://children.wi.gov/Pages/ResearchData/AnnualReport%26FactSheets.aspx>
 - iv) Grant Funding for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Tops \$17 Million In December, DHS announced the final 26 awardees for the Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) grant opportunity. A total of \$17.3 million for 69 organizations will fund activities that improve services for people who are older or have a disability, helping them remain in their home or community. Projects will impact members of Wisconsin's Medicaid long-term care programs, like Family Care, IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct), the Children's Long-Term Support Program, and others. Grantees also aim to support the workers who provide care for members. Project objectives span several categories, such as:
 - Increasing access to home and community-based services
 - Expanding the direct care workforce
 - Strengthening services in response to the COVID-19 pandemic
 - Improving the financial stability of providers
 - Reforming long-term services and supports

Learn more about the first round of funding awardees as well as future related grant opportunities

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/arpa/hcbs-grantsopportunities.htm>

- b. Updates from the Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS).....Holly Audley
 - i) H. Audley shared that DCTS administrators' office is working to respond to Executive Committee requests and comments related to contextualizing initiatives, outcome data regarding CAA and ARPA funds, integrating data, and working closely with DMS to collaborate.
 - ii) H. Audley shared that routine COVID testing is no longer needed at facilities. A hiring specialist is now in place to focus on recruiting and retaining staff in the facilities.
 - iii) G. Steele gave an update on the START Scan. The next step is to assemble an action team to implement recommendations that came out of the scan. This will be a time-limited and action-focused group. Identify a leader, establish a charter, form the team. The charter will be shared when it is complete and information on the plan and participation will be shared. Questions can be sent to DHSDMSStart@dhs.wisconsin.gov
 - iv) Update from Langeston Hughes on DEI efforts- 5 facilities have an active DEI team in place. Langeston started a learning collaborative in July that connects all facilities together. There is an interdepartmental collaborative learning group that is working to align DEI efforts across departments across the state. H. Audley shared that the DHS administrative team is working to align the initiatives across the department. The Office of Health Equity is hiring an Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Program Specialist https://wj.wi.gov/psc/wisjobs/CAREERS/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM_FL.HRS_CG_SEARCH_FL.GBL?Page=HRS_APP_JBPST_FL&Action=U&FOCUS=Applicant&SiteId=1&PostingSeq=1&JobOpeningId=8874&
 - v) There was a question about the DHS public facing website. An update could be shared at a future meeting.
4. **Council Orientation and Onboarding Planning**.....Jessica Barrickman
 - a. The nominating committee has been working on how to orient and onboard new council/committee members to support retention and engagement. They have considered live trainings and/or recorded trainings and mentors. A draft of the orientation was shared with a request for comments and suggestions.
5. **Lunch Break**
6. **Discussion of Outreach to Members of the Legislature**.....Jessica Barrickman
 - a. Discussion about how the Legislative and Policy Committee might be able to support advocacy and be proactive in building connections with legislators.
7. **WCMH Committee and Workgroup Reports, Discussion, and Consideration of Motions**
 - a. Executive Committee – Jessica Barrickman
 - i) Last meeting reviewed strategic plan, looking at where the Committee has been and where they are going. Really trying to engage the Chairs in helping to develop the Council agenda. Council members are encouraged to reach out if there are any areas/items that would be helpful to discuss within a Council meeting.
 - b. Nominating Committee – Kimberlee Coronado and Jerolynn Scaggs
 - i) Consideration of WCMH Applicants
 - (1) Kimberlee Coronado presented the bio for each of the three applicants recommended by the Nominating Committee:
 - (a) Kemba Banyard – Provider, Family Member, Parent. Dr. Banyard shared that she has over 20 years of experience in the mental health field. She has worked at Milwaukee County mental health, as a part-time professor, and in family practice. Her most recent role is as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. Dr. Banyard shared about her efforts to advocate for CCS programs and wraparound services for patients. The Nominating Committee voted on November 21, 2022 to recommend to the WCMH that Kemba Banyard be moved forward to the DHS Secretary's Office for consideration for appointment to the WCMH.

Sheryl Smith made a motion to support the recommendation to move forward Kemba Banyard to the DHS Secretary's Office for consideration for appointment to the WCMH. Chrissy Barnard seconded the motion. All in favor. None Opposed. Motion passed.

- (b) Jennifer Farmbrough -- Parent, Provider, Family Member. Ms. Farmbrough shared about her work in in CBRFs in college, then teaching, and most recently as MSO for Inlusa. She stated that she is applying to serve on WMHC in the role as a parent. Her past advocacy efforts including serving on a crisis intervention panel as a parent of a child with mental health challenges. The Nominating Committee voted on November 21, 2022 to recommend to the WCMH that Jennifer Farmbrough be moved forward to the DHS Secretary's Office for consideration for appointment to the WCMH.

Nic Dibbler made a motion to support the recommendation to move forward Jennifer Farmbrough to the DHS Secretary's Office for consideration for appointment to the WCMH. Dawn Shelton-Williams seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

- (c) Phung Nguyen-- Family, Parent. Mr. Nguyen currently works for WI DHS as a program policy analyst. He shared about his belief in public service and his motto ("lift myself and others"). He identifies most with the family member role. The Nominating Committee voted on November 21, 2022 to recommend to the WCMH that Phung Nguyen be moved forward to the DHS Secretary's Office for consideration for appointment to the WCMH.

Nic Dibble made a motion to support the recommendation to move forward Phung Nguyen to the DHS Secretary's Office for consideration for appointment to the WCMH. Dawn Shelton-Williams seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

- c. Legislative and Policy Committee – Barbara Beckert and Brian Michel
- i) Updates on Housing Initiatives: Workgroup brainstorming on how they can support housing initiatives. Workgroup is developing a comprehensive document to support this initiative. Reviewing what other agencies, councils, committees, are doing in support of housing initiatives.
 - ii) Brian Michel provided the update. How to educate incoming legislators to familiarize themselves with the Council and the value that the Council brings. Advocacy around the expansion of Medicaid. Biennium budget recommendation has already been approved by the Council and can be used by the Committee to advocate with legislators. Legislative tracker is being updated.
- d. Criminal Justice Committee – Tamra Oman and Tara Wilhelmi
- i) Dennis gave the update: DOC Policy Analyst gave a presentation
- e. Children and Youth Committee –Hugh Davis and Kimberlee Coronado
- i) Kimberlee Coronado will be stepping into Committee Co-Chair role with Hugh Davis.
 - ii) Committee is working on project on School Resource Officer. Reviewing report document at next Committee meeting. Reviewing Committee Strategic Plan.
- f. Adult Quality Committee – Chrissy Barnard and Lalena Lampe
- i) Chrissy Barnard provided update. At most recent meeting, reviewed strategic plan. Reviewed recruiting BIPOC members, advocating for client rights. Want to learn more about metrics that are used. Cost for social work exams for BIPOC service providers. Supporting NAMI's efforts to expand crisis response. Reviewing action steps at February meeting to be included for next Council meeting.

- g. Diversity Equity and Inclusion Workgroup – Rick Immler
 - i) Rick Immler provided the update. Workgroup met yesterday. Primary area of advocacy is increased support for peer support specialists in communities of color. Significant overlap with Legislative and Policy Committee, Criminal Justice Committee, and Adult Quality Committee. Talked about reaching to SCAODA. Without an ongoing platform, these ideas could be lost. May need to reach out to SCAODA Diversity Committee. Focus on current draft of strategic plan.

- 8. **Discussion of Collaboration and Partnerships with other Councils and Committees**.....Jessica Barrickman
 - a. Number of WCMH members that sit on other Council and Committees. Exploring other entities that are doing similar work. Key partnering entities – sharing updates to keep awareness and reducing silos. Standing agenda item to potentially give space for regular updates. Sheryl Smith noted that there is significant overlap in the work that is being done. Rick Immler noted its important to learn about what’s helping elsewhere so that things can be synchronous. Idea of a legislative network. Wisconsin is too siloed between SCAODA and WCMH. System integration. Kimberlee Coronado noted the outlined requirements in by-laws for participation on other committees/councils.
 - b. DHS 75 rewrite includes integrated care behavioral health services. In light of recent changes, good opportunity to revisit integrated care.
 - c. Jessica to reach out to SCAODA Chair, add Governor’s Committee for People with Disabilities, and SCOADA as agenda items.

- 9. **Call for future WCMH agenda items**.....Jessica Barrickman
 - i) Finalize strategic plan
 - ii) Parents Supporting Parents: Pilot Program through DCF. Would like a presentation
 - iii) Budget impact

- 10. **Adjourn**.....Jessica Barrickman

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Prepared by: Monique Hicks and Sarah Boulton on 1/18/2023.

